

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because they lack a notation of the "operative axial length X" and "body cylinder length L" set forth in claim 9. Applicant encloses a proposed revised Fig. 3 illustrating these elements in Fig. 3. If this drawing is acceptable to the Examiner, Applicant will submit a formal drawing with his next response.

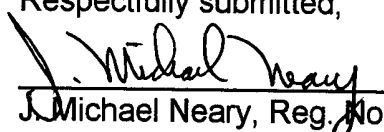
Claims 1, 5 and 9 have been objected to because of several informalities. Claims 1, 5 and 9 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 USC 112 as indefinite because of an ambiguity regarding the "operating load capacity". The Examiner's assumption that the operating load capacity R of the radial magnetic bearings referred to in claim 1 is radial load, not axial load. Claim 1 has been amended to remove any possible ambiguity.

Applicant believes that this response clarifies the patentability of the claims and that this Application is now in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of this Application.

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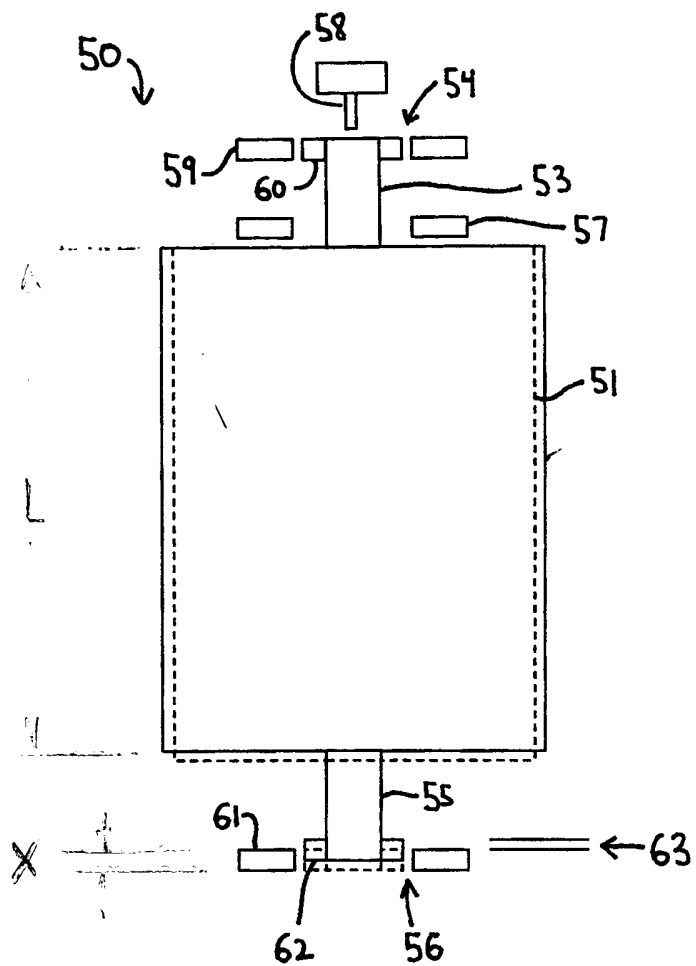


Figure 3